

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9-10 and 14 have been canceled.

Claims 8 and 11-13 have been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) Process for making a paper [according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that] comprising a pattern embossed on at least one side, said pattern being constituted by the combination of at least one ground and at least one inlaid area, at least one of the grounds and at least one of the inlaid areas having wefts with different slants and shapes, wherein the paper is made on a cylinder paper machine, and the embossed pattern is obtained by the imprint of a cloth [(39)] placed directly on the cylinder [(35)], or in place of the pick-up felt, or in place of the upper felt on the wet presses, said cloth [(39)] being metallic or made of plastic material, and said cloth being woven and comprising a pattern, said pattern being constituted by a combination of at least one ground and at least one inlaid area, the ground and the inlaid area having wefts with different slants and shapes.
11. (Amended) Cloth to be used in a process of making a paper according to claim 8, [characterized in that it] wherein said cloth is woven and has a pattern, said pattern being constituted by the combination of at least one ground and at least one inlaid area, the ground and the inlaid area having wefts with different slants and shapes.

12. (Amended) Cloth according to claim 11, [characterized in that it] wherein said cloth is woven in a single piece comprising the ground and at least one inlaid area.
13. (Amended) Cloth according to claim 11, [characterized in that it] wherein said cloth is constituted by a ground having a weft with a certain slant, in which one or several areas have been cut out and replaced by one or several inlaid areas with a weft slanting in a different direction from that of the ground, the areas being assembled by stitching, welding or gluing at the contour of the areas or by any other process suitable for attaching the inlaid area or areas.

New claim 15 has been added as follows:

15. (New) Paper made by the process according to claim 1.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-7, 9-10 and 14 have been canceled, claims 8 and 11-13 have been amended, and new claim 15 has been added.

Claims 8, 11-13 and 15 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 is directed to a process for making a paper, claims 11-13 are directed to a cloth to be used in a process of making a paper according to claim 8, and claim 15 is directed to a paper made by the process according to claim 8.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by, or, in the alternative, as obvious over, US 2,890,540 (**Britt**).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. It is submitted that claims 1-5 have been canceled, so that the rejection is moot.

Further, with respect to present claims 8, 11-13 and 15, it is submitted that **Britt** uses an engraved roller having predetermined groove width and depth in order to obtain desired reflectance properties. Drawbacks of using such engraved roller include the manufacturing costs associated with precisely machining the grooves on the roller.

In contrast, in the presently claimed invention, a cloth is placed around the cylinder ,or in place of the pick-up felt, or in place of the upper felt on the wet presses, as recited in present claim 8. This cloth is cost-effectively manufactured, for example by a weaving technique such as used for damask fabric. Also, this cloth is very strong, and can be easily replaced. An additional advantage is that using this cloth around the cylinder makes it possible to obtain motives

such as watermarks. **Britt** fails to teach or suggest the process and cloth as presently claimed, and the other cited references fail to remedy the deficiencies of **Britt**. Therefore, the present claims are not anticipated by, and not obvious over the cited references taken alone or in any combination.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the prior art rejection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, claims 8-14 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being incorrectly multiple dependent claims.

Claims 10-11 and 14 have been canceled, and claims 8 and 11-13 have been amended in particular as to dependencies. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

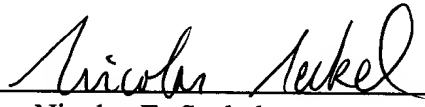
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